

Presidential Candidates Eye New York as Important for Election

Supporters Wage Battle for Favor Of State's Voters

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Albany, N.Y.—UPI—New York may be the White House key for Richard M. Nixon or John F. Kennedy. Supporters of the rival presidential candidates, keenly aware of the importance of the state's 45 electoral votes, are waging a battle for the favor of nearly eight million voters. They know that in recent history only one man—Harry S. Truman—won the presidency without carrying New York.

Publicly the opposing political camps are predicting victory, but privately they say it will be a toss up. And that is the thinking on which they have based the campaigns.

Kennedy and Nixon will be frequent visitors to the state between now and election day. They intend to campaign from one end of the state to the other. Their corps of campaign drum beaters will hit every crossroads. "To win in November, we must carry New York," Kennedy told his managers. Nixon feels the same.

One thing is certain, New York cannot be classified as a "safe" state for either Republicans or Democrats. Its voting history is one of surprises. Despite Dwight D. Eisenhower's landslide sweep in the 1952 presidential contest, Republicans and Democrats have tasted both victory and defeat in the interim.

Harriman Scores Upset
W. Averell Harriman, the New Dealish Democrat, won an upset victory over former U. S. Sen. Irving M. Ives, a top Republican vote-getter, in 1956. Eisenhower repeated his earlier performance in 1956 and two years later along came Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Rockefeller, a new face on the political scene and a Republican, tripped Harriman by a wide margin.

The national lineage, occupations and interests are varied among the 16 million New Yorkers. There are so many intangibles, crystal gazing is hazardous at best and most pollsters wind up with a "but." No single issue has ever been strong enough to sway an election in the state.

The state makes an ideal setting for the candidate



WEDDING STOPS TRAFFIC — While a London bobby holds up traffic for the wedding party, U. S. Airman Albert Finlay, Jacksonville, Fla., escorts his bride, Margaret Harris, 23, to the reception hall after their wedding at St. Paul's church in London. The newlyweds led the wedding party through the busy streets in order to walk to the reception hall. (UPI Telephoto)

promising everything for everybody. But, the record shows he would not get away with it.

Candidate Switches Tune

A few years back, a candidate seeking a state office told a group near the St. Lawrence river he thought it would be a fine thing if a waterway could be completed. The next day in another section of the state, he told an opposing committee he didn't think the project was such a good idea. He was applauded at both meetings, but when the votes were counted he was retired to private life.

A presidential contest brings out the greatest number of voters. Eisenhower had no trouble carrying the state both times he ran. In 1956, he polled more than four million votes, nearly twice as many as Adlai E. Stevenson. But, in the days of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democrats looked just as good.

When Alfred E. Smith opposed Herbert Hoover in 1928 he was riding high as "The Happy Warrior" and the state's most popular governor. When the votes were in, however, Smith lost the state to Hoover by about

Drive Set To Make Washington Scene Of Good Practices

Washington — UPI — The Federal Trade Commission will soon launch a drive to make Washington a world showcase of good business practices.

Chairman Earl W. Kintner told United Press International he wants to make the nation's capital an example to the millions of Americans and foreign visitors who come here annually to see "how the free enterprise system works at its best."

He said the FTC is investigating numerous complaints of shady business practices in Washington and will move shortly to clean them up.

100,000. That same year, Norman Thomas, the Socialist, polled 107,000 and the Communist party drew 10,000. "A state with a voting history like New York can never be taken for granted," a political leader said. "Every election is a new challenge calling for new techniques."

Kintner, 48, is an Eisenhower appointee. He took over the chairmanship of the FTC last year. Since the Senate failed to confirm his nomination for a new six-year term on the regulatory agency, he will serve until a successor is appointed. He was among several Eisenhower nominees on whom Senate Democrats withheld action.

Education Essential Tool
In the 15 months he has served, Kintner estimates he has made 160 speeches, appeared about 300 times on TV, and held a like number of informal press conferences and interviews to educate the general public and business circles about the goals of the commission. He believes that education is an essential tool in combatting unfair trade practices.

Kintner said he actually got the idea for his Washington clean-up campaign from businessmen he's talked to on his trips around the country. "They suggested we ought to clean up our own backyard," Kintner said, "before going after businessmen in other parts of the nation."

Suspect Quizzed In Slaying of California Man

Reno—UPI—Reno police today apprehended a man they say will be interrogated as a suspect in the slaying of Santa Rosa, Calif., manufacturer Paul G. Allison, 59.

The booking officer said the man was picked up at 1:30 a.m. riding in a car listed in an all-points bulletin for the suspected slayer. Police gave the man's name as Stephen H. Muller who told officers he was from Washington state. Resembles Description
The officer said Muller resembled the description of Ogden, Utah, housepainter Joe W. Walker whom police say may have been riding

with the victim when he was returning to Santa Rosa through Nevada last Monday after a trip to Missoula, Mont. Investigators from the district attorney's office and detective division will question Muller today.

Muller was driving a 1953 Cadillac which Sparks, Nev., police said might be occupied by Walker. Diamond Ring Pawned
A large-scale manhunt for Walker was touched off Monday after a man giving that

name pawned a two-karat diamond ring here, identified as belonging to the dead man. Allison, a prominent Santa Rosa civic leader and manufacturer of camp coaches, was found brutally beaten and stabbed in one of his campers

parked in front of the Reno Harlem club late Saturday night. He was supposed to have returned home Tuesday after taking his son to Missoula to resume classes at Montana State university.

Lumumba Moves To Regain Power In Congo Turmoil

Leopoldville, The Congo — UPI — Deposed Premier Patrice Lumumba maneuvered today to unite warring political factions in the Congo in an attempt to regain power.

The Soviet-backed Lumumba announced unexpectedly Monday night he had invited opposition leaders, including secessionist-minded Moïse Tshombe, president of Katanga province, to attend a "national reunion conference" aimed at stabilizing the Congolese government.

Spirit of Unity
The ousted premier said, "Planes would be put at the disposal of the military to bring opposition members from the provinces."

Lumumba said Tshombe would be received in a spirit of "unity and national understanding" and would receive full guarantees for his personal security.

The goateed leader told a news conference that a group of army delegates, with the approval of President Joseph Kasavubu, came to his residence to urge that "the government soon start functioning again."

Questions Dodged
Lumumba sidestepped questions by newsmen whether the army delegation also had the approval of Chief of Staff Col. Joseph Mobutu who took over the Congo earlier this month.

He said only that Mobutu "must know about" it and added he has "full confidence in the army and in Colonel Mobutu."

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE
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University Makes Homecoming Plans

Eugene — Final plans were made this week for the University's early 1960 homecoming which will be Oct. 14 to 16, when Oregon meets Washington State university on the gridiron.

Features planned for the celebration include a concert by Roger Williams, internationally-known pianist; a dance with music by Buddy Morrow and his Night Train orchestra; and a varsity show.

New ideas will be featured in the homecoming rally parade on Friday night, Oct. 14. This will be climaxed at Hayward field by the traditional bonfire and the crowning of the Homecoming queen. The varsity show, which follows the bonfire, will be a musical comedy written by Roger Cross, university speech instructor, with the title, "The Trouble With College Men". Two lunches are scheduled for the week end, one for all returning Oregon alumni and a second for the class of 1965 which will be holding its first reunion.

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